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PEACE CONCLUDED.
LET ALL THE PEOPLE THANK GOD, AND SAY AMEN!

THE Committee appointed at a full meeting of the Inhabitants of this town, to adopt suitable measures for a general expression of joy on the return of PEACE, having learned officially the *cessation of Hostilities*, and the ratification of a TREATY of PEACE, have recommended, that the dawn of this day be welcomed by a National Salute from the Forts in town, and Bells be rung one hour, beginning at sunrise... That Military companies in town turn out, and fire a *fue-de-joie* under the direction of Major STORER.

And that Col. STARK, the Commander of this Military Post, be requested to join the People of the town and country in celebrating this joyful event by firing a Grand Salute from the Forts under his command.

That at noon, National Salutes be fired under the direction of Major WEEKS, and the bells be rung from 12 to 1 o'clock....and one hour before sun-down....and the day closed with another National Salute.-- That in the evening such of the Inhabitants as can conveniently, will illuminate the windows of their *dwelling-houses*, to begin with the ringing of the bells at half-past seven, and the lights put out when the bells shall cease, at nine o'clock.

The Committee also recommend, that good order be observed, and that houses not illuminated may be attributed to inconvenience or not being occupied. And that the Selectmen appoint a Constable's watch of 24, to guard the town against fire, & preserve order....No bonfires to be allowed in the streets or lanes in town; and it would be well if none were kindled....and the people retire to their dwellings at an early hour.

By order of the Committee, DANIEL TUCKER, *Chairman*.

"Banish discord.....PEACE we'll cherish!
WAR has ceas'd.....may COMMERCE flourish!"

Portland, February 1815.